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NASHVILLE –Tennessee's February unemployment rate of 5.4 percent, unchanged over the month, was released on March 21. County unemployment rates released today showed that 82 county rates decreased, nine increased and four remained the same over the month.

Moore County at 2.7 percent, down from 3.0 percent, registered the state's lowest county unemployment rate. Scott County at 15.1 percent, down from 16.2 percent, reported the state's highest jobless rate.

Knox County at 2.9 percent, down from 3.1 percent, registered the lowest metropolitan county unemployment rate. Hamilton County reported a 3.6 percent rate, down from 4.0 percent. Davidson County reported a 3.8 percent rate, down from 3.9 percent, while Shelby County reported a 5.2 percent rate, down from 5.6 percent.

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NOTE: Information will be available on the Internet; enter "http://www.state.tn.us/labor-wfd/labor figures."

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